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SUBJECT: UN/IRAQ: UNSC PRESS STATEMENT ON IRAQI GOVERNMENT FORMATION

¶1. On April 25, UN Security Council (UNSC) President, Chinese PR Wang read out a press statement agreed by the UNSC regarding the formation of an Iraqi government. UKUN had drafted the statement in consultation with the U.S.

¶2. Text as Follows. Begin text.

The members of the Security Council welcome the election of the Presidency Council, Speaker and Deputy Speakers of the Council of Representatives as well as the nomination of Prime Minister al-Maliki.

The members express the hope that the constitutionally elected government of Iraq can now rapidly be formed. They stress the importance of that government being as broad based, representative and effective as possible.

End text.

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